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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Smith Investigation & Support Services, LLC (Owner) **2001- Present**
 Private investigation, records checks, accident investigations (statements, accident scene reconstruction), workers' compensation investigation, process, hunting accident reconstruction, investigation, and consultation.

Self-Employed: Hunter Education, Training and Consulting **1985 - Present**
 Hunter Education training as a volunteer with the Mississippi Hunter Education Program, the National Bowhunter Education Program, and the National Muzzleloading Rifle Program, and various programs with the N.R.A. Working as an investigator, reconstructionist and expert witness on hunting, treestand and firearms related cases (through work with insurance companies, attorneys and district attorneys as needed). Writing and production of videos and treestand safety courses to be used in training instructors and students in treestand safety. Consulting with manufacturers regarding the safety of their products.

HUB Enterprises, Inc.
Lafayette, Louisiana **October 1997 - December 2000**
 Investigator relating to accident investigation including interviews of claimant, witnesses, accident scene reconstruction, etc., workers' compensation disputed claims, surveillance, records checks and other related investigations. Clients are mainly insurance companies. Licensed to investigate in several other states.
Reason for Leaving: To start own investigation and consulting corporation.

Highlander Archery Company **To May, 1997**
Huntsville, Alabama
Position: Products Safety Coordinator/Sales Representative
Responsibilities: Test and maintain records for the Hide-Um-Hunter line of products purchased through the bankruptcy of Brell Mar Products. Sales district to include Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and major distribution companies. Test products to ensure safety and quality standards, both on current lines and future items to be designed and manufactured by company.
Reason for Leaving: Due to financial situation, company narrowed line to products which do not need overseeing from safety aspect. Have worked on a contract basis on special occasions for company.

Brell Mar Products, Inc. [COMPANY CLOSED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY] **May, 1996**
Brookhaven, Mississippi
Position: Products Safety Coordinator
Responsibilities: Test and maintain records of testing of all products manufactured by Brell Mar Products to ensure quality control of all products that are sent to consumers. Handle complaints from consumers concerning quality control or workmanship. Assist in making sure plant complies with OSHA regulations. Test products for safety and make changes where necessary to enhance safety features and design packaging to make consumer aware of the safe use of such product. Investigate all accidents, including initial investigation concerning facts of accident, interview of witnesses, visual inspection of product, if necessary, and work with insurance carrier and legal counsel in the defense of such claim. Work with groups or organizations, writers, outdoor video personalities, or others about safety of hunting products. Make speeches to groups on safety. Investigate all worker's compensation claims and

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file reports with our insurance carrier re same. Review all terminations for unemployment benefits and work with County and State Unemployment Offices in reference to any claims filed.

Argenbright Security Company, Inc.
Jackson, Mississippi

1994-1995

Position: Mississippi Account Manager

Responsibilities: Manager of the Mississippi operations for the security company. I hire, manage and supervise all security officers and properties guarded by the company. I weapon train each guard using the National Rifle Association's Law Enforcement Officer's Firearms Training Course. I also train all guards in the Basic Security Officer's Training Course offered by Argenbright.

Reason for Leaving: Opportunity to go to work with company as safety consultant.

Casino America - Isle of Capri
Vicksburg, Mississippi

1993-1994

Position: Security Supervisor

Responsibilities: Supervisor in charge of a shift of 23 security guards that provide security for the operations of a multi-million dollar casino operation. The casino employs over 1,000 personnel and has over 40,000 patrons per week. My shifts included the 3:00 to 11:00 p.m. shift which had major crowd control duties, and the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift which involved table and slot drops.

Reason for Leaving: Better daytime hours and more responsibility.

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks
Jackson, Mississippi

1973-1993 (Retired)

Position: Hunter Safety Administrator

1983-Retirement

Responsibilities: Head the Hunter Education Department for the State of Mississippi and a staff of ten full-time employees and over 1,300 volunteer instructors which train an average of 18,000 students and adults each year in hunter education. Oversee an estimated \$500,000 budget per year.

Position: Property Officer

1981-1983

Responsibilities: Managed day-to-day inventory control of the State owned property of 496 employees of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Position: Conservation Officer, Adams County

1979-1981

Responsibilities: Law enforcement of hunting and fishing laws of the State of Mississippi and federal government, investigation of hunting and boating accidents, testifying in court relating to accident investigation and the issuance of warrants, and teaching Hunter Education in schools and to various groups.

Mississippi Boat and Water Safety Commission
Jackson, Mississippi

1973-1979

Position: Water Patrol Officer

Responsibilities: Patrol nine counties in Southwest Mississippi as a Water Safety Patrol Officer and taught Water Safety Education courses.

Note: Commission merged with Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Mississippi State Senate
Jackson, Mississippi

1973-1974

Position: Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Responsibilities: Provided protection for Senate during the Legislative Session.

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:

1972 Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy
Security School
1973 Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy
Basic Officers' School
1973 National Boating Safety School (Yorktown, Virginia)
1974 Master Boat Pilot School (Memphis, Tennessee)
1977 Radiological Defense School (Civil Defense)
1982 United States Coast Guard Federal Standards/Accident Investigation
1984 NRA Police Firearms Instructors' School
1986 Mississippi Hunter Education Instructors' Academy
1987 NRA/NAAHSC Professional Hunter Education Academy
1989 International Bowhunter Education Instructor
1991 Mississippi Hunting Accident Investigation School
1992 NRA Turkey Hunter Clinic Instructor
1992 NRA Standards in Live Firing
1993 NRA Personal Protection Course
1994 Zenger Miller "Frontline Leadership" Course
1995 Mississippi Manufacturing Ass'n OSHA Written Programs (12-Hour Course)
1996 OSHA Course 510 (30-Hour Certificate)
1997: Surveillance and Accident Investigation
2000: Private Investigations Update 2000
2006: Certified Master Treestand Safety Instructor by International Bowhunter Education Program

EDUCATION:

University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
1981 -- B.S., Criminal Justice

Copiah-Lincoln Junior College
Wesson, Mississippi
1979 -- A.A., Police Science (With Honors)

QUALIFICATIONS:

Writing the script, directing the production, editing and narration of a 20 minute treestand safety video. This video was presented to the International Hunter Education Association's May 1997 conference. Most states are now using this video to teach treestand safety in their Hunter Education classes. Over 40,000 copies were sent to Hunter Education Instructors.

Wrote and developed a seven hour treestand safety course for Hunter Education Instructors. This course includes written material, slide presentation and video. I will instruct these classes around the different states.

Over 25 years of experience involving hunter education and safety, boat and water safety and investigations relating to each.

One of nine hunter education coordinators chosen in 1986 to develop the Hunter Education Manual presently in use by 44 states.

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Guest lecturer for various civic groups, Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy (hunter education and hunting accident investigation), Mississippi College's school of outdoor recreation, Mississippi State University's whitetail deer short course and on various panels discussing hunter education, hunter ethics and responsibility, wildlife management and safety.

Member of various committees relating to hunter education, hunter, gun and product safety, preparation of uniform accident report to aid in the trial and/or defense of hunting accidents which is being coordinated with legal counsel for various interested parties.

Appeared on one national talk show and several local interview programs dealing with hunter education and safety.

Wrote and established the "Operations and Procedures Manual" for use by the 1,300 volunteer instructors of the Hunter Education Program in the State of Mississippi.

Performed research and wrote paper concerning "Solid Orange vs. Camo Orange" in 1987 which was a study that determined that solid hunter orange was more visible in low light conditions than camo orange. Paper presented to 1987 Hunter Education Conference for the Hunter Education Association. This resulted in the recommendation nationally for the use and endorsement of solid orange material for hunters.

Represented North America at the Scandinavian Hunters Conference in Salvalina, Finland in June, 1988.

Assisted Outdoorsman Audio, Inc. in producing four 90-minute audio tapes to be used in advance hunter education. These tapes were distributed by Gander Mountain.

Assisted Quest Production Company with a video turkey hunt in Texas. This production involving turkey hunting safety entitled "Safe Turkeys" was released for national sale in March, 1992.

I have been declared an expert witness in hunting accident investigation cases in both Federal and State courts. This expertise includes hunting accidents, hunting accident reconstruction, tree stand accidents and general gun safety. I have worked as an expert witness in cases in Mississippi, Florida, Ohio, California, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Arkansas, Michigan, Louisiana, Maine, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Texas, Missouri, West Virginia, Illinois, Georgia, Montana and Arizona.

Helped write and design the Hunting Accident Report form now being used by the Hunter Education Association all across North America.

Carried the mandatory Hunter Education Law to the 1985 Mississippi Legislature and secured its passage. This law requires everyone born on or after January 1, 1972, to complete a Hunter Education course prior to purchasing a hunting license.

Carried the Hunting Accident Investigation Law to the 1989 Mississippi Legislature and secured its passage. This law gives the Hunter Education staff the authority to investigate hunting accidents.

Developed and taught Hunting Accident Investigation course to Mississippi Conservation Officers in 1990-93 and taught same course to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources officers in 1997, 2000, 2005, 2007 and 2012. Added Treestand Accident Investigation and Reconstruction to course in 2007. I have taught this course to over 350 Wildlife officers in Alabama (3 times), Illinois, South Carolina

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(4 times) Indiana, New Hampshire, Louisiana (2 times), West Virginia, Kansas, Georgia, Maryland, and at the International Hunter Education Hunting Incident Academy in Iowa.

Developed and taught 8-hour Tree stand Safety Course for Hunter Education Instructors. Course taught in Mississippi and Arkansas to Certified Instructors in 1997 and 1999.

Carried the Hunter Harassment Law to the Mississippi Legislature and secured its passage. This law protects hunters from being harassed while in the legal pursuit of game.

Mississippi's Hunter Education Program ranked 38th in the Nation in 1983. In 1985, we became a Top Ten program. In 1986, we were 1st in North America. We remained as one of the Top Ten programs from 1987 through 1993. These programs are rated by the National Rifle Association.

As Quality Assurance Supervisor with Brell Mar Products, wrote instructions and procedures with warning labels for newly designed products for the company.

IBEP/TMA certified treestand safety instructor trainer; assisted in writing the curriculum and in training the instructors for a course to teach instructors how to teach treestand safety in courses held throughout the United States and Canada. Over the past five years, I have taught this course intwenty states to over 2,500 volunteer instructors and wildlife agency employees.

Worked with Hunter Exam in writing and producing a treestand safety course and DVD in 2006.

Voting member of ASTM F-08-16 Committee which covers Tree stands.

AFFILIATIONS:

Hunter Education Association (United States, Canada, Mexico)
Past President -- 1991-1993 (Executive Board Member)
President -- 1989-1991 (Executive Board Member)
President Elect -- 1988-1989 (Executive Board Member)
Vice-President, Eastern United States -- 1987-1988
(Executive Board Member)
Chairman, Hunter Education Academy Committee -- 1986-1989
Chairman, Research and Evaluation Committee -- 1985-1986
National Rifle Association -- 1982-Present
International Bowhunter Education Program -- 1986-Present
Mississippi Wildlife Federation -- 1983-Present (Life Member)
National Wild Turkey Federation -- 1986-Present
Member of the "National Wild Turkey Safety Task Force Team"
1991-Present
International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Member of Education Committee -- 1990-1993
Member of Hunter Education Sub-Committee on
National Awards -- 1990-1993
Hunter Education Council -- 1989-1993
Mississippi Chapter of Ducks Unlimited
Mid-South Workers' Compensation Association
National Association of Investigative Services

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MILITARY:

United States Marine Corps -- 1969-1972
Radio Communications Operator
Honorably Discharged, E-4 Corporal
Mississippi Army National Guard -- 1979-1982
Military Police Investigator
Honorably Discharged, E-5 Sergeant

AWARDS:

1980 District 5 Conservation Officer of the Year
1986 National Rifle Association for having the Number One ranked Hunter Education Program in North America
1988 North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators -- Past President's Award for work with the Hunter Education Academy
1991 Mississippi Wildlife Federation -- Special Merit Award for "Outstanding efforts in shaping the future of hunting through education in Mississippi and the Nation"
1992 Elected to the North American Hunter Education "Hall of Fame"
2014 Elected to the Treestand Manufacturers Association "Hall of Fame"

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